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Army Corps of Engineers Commanding General media availability today – Mid America Airport, Mascoutah, IL

St. Louis – Lt. Gen. Robert L. Van Antwerp, Chief of Engineers and Commanding General, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, will conduct a media availability at Mid America Airport in Mascoutah, IL, at 5:45 p.m., Monday, 23 June. The General will be accompanied by Mississippi Valley Division Corps Commander, Brig. Gen. Michael J. Walsh. Congressman Jerry Costello (D-IL) will also attend the availability and be available to answer questions.

The general will have just completed a day of intensive tours and fact finding from Iowa into Missouri and Illinois. He will have visited flood-devastated areas and talked to flood fighters and local officials. He is here to gather first hand information and to confer with his regional and local commanders to help make decisions about the path ahead for continued flood fighting and then recovery efforts. His visit will include meetings with Richard Hainje (FEMA 7 Administrator) in Missouri, a tour of Lock and Dam 24 in Clarksville to see the high water impacts to operations and a briefing on overall impacts to navigation on the Mississippi River. He will also conduct an aerial flyover from Hannibal, Mo., to Saint Louis via Missouri National Guard helicopter.

The generals will depart en route to their headquarters in Washington, DC and Vicksburg, MS immediately following the availability.

Mid America Airport is located at 9768 Airport Blvd, just south of exit 23 on Interstate-64 (Illinois Hwy 4) in Mascoutah, IL.

Lieutenant General Robert L. Van Antwerp's biography can be found on the web at: http://www.hq.usace.army.mil/hq_exec/index.asp

Summary:

Who: Chief of Engineers, Lt. Gen. Robert L. Van Antwerp
Mississippi Valley Division Commander, Brig. Gen Michael J. Walsh
Congressman Jerry Costello, (D-IL)
What: Media Availability
Where: Mid America Airport, Mascoutah, IL
When: 5:45 p.m., Monday, June 23, 2008

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